Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is this gentleman a Cochinite or a Britisher?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—A Cochinite.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Which place?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—He joined service before I came here. He was entertained by Sir V. T. Krishnamachari. He was here body and soul when I came here.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said that Mr. Venkitasubba Ayyar was confirmed on 2nd Medam 1107. The question is when he was appointed.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Confirmation also is appointment. If the Hon'ble Member wants the date of this acting appointment also, I can find it out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether he was appointed before the Government amended the rules?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the special reason?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The appointment was made by my predecessor. They were exempted temporarily for two years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I believe it is the Government who appointed the individual.

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That is an appointment vesting with the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Why did he appoint a man who had no qualifications?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—On account of seniority. He was appointed before your humble servant was holding the post of the Diwan Peishkar. He was appointed by Sir V. T. Krishnamachari and not by me.

Choondal Panchayat—Water supply.

242. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any steps have been taken to improve the tank in the vicinity of Koonamoochi bazaar this year;

(b) if not, cannot some saving be found to do it in this summer as the necessity is great;

(c) will not the rock blasting in a well in Keecheri provided for in the said Panchayat budget for 1108, injure the masonry work of the well?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No. But it has been proposed to provide for the land acquisition charges for the work in 1109 budget.

No, because no definite source can be found out at this part of the year and as the work involves land acquisition.

(c) It is apprehended that the rock blasting cannot be taken up without endangering the safety of the masonry work. It has, therefore, been proposed to drill trial holes in the well and the opinion of the Panchayat is being ascertained in the matter.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(a) Who has proposed and to whom?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Panchayat Registrar proposed to the Government.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon —Has the Government sanctioned it?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes.

Poverty—measures to root out.

243. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have noted that poverty is even economical of a waste;

(b) whether they intend to root out poverty, how, when?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The question is unintelligible.

(b) All that is possible is being done.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state where the lack of clearness is about it?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I should like to have a very interesting chat with the Hon'ble Member. The question is an important one. I want to have some practical suggestions from him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question is—where is the lack of clearness about the question?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—To my mind it was not clear. If you will enlighten me I shall try to answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not mean that apart from considerations of philanthropy, poverty is a waste in relation to the sum total of the material welfare of the country?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does it not also show that poverty is detrimental to the productive capacity of the country?

Rao Bahadur Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

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